

Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles

August 17, 2009

To: Each Supervisor

From: Sean Rogan, Executive Director



SUBJECT: MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM

Board Directives

On March 13, 2007, your Board instructed the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) to submit monthly progress reports to remove the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program from its troubled status under the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). In addition, HUD requested monthly reports to the Board on the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program in reference to our Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for FY 2006-07. On June 17, 2008, your Board requested progress reports in obtaining Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program vouchers. Most recently, on April 7, 2009, your Board instructed HACoLA to submit monthly reports on the status of delinquent reexaminations, included herein.

Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for FYE 2008 and FYE 2007

On July 21, 2009, I informed you that HUD had closed out the Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for FYE 2008 and FYE 2007 and removed the Section 8 Program from "Troubled Status" in a July 20, 2009 letter.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

As the Corrective Action Plan for FYE 2006-2007 has been closed, status reports on the FSS program are no longer required. HACoLA is maintaining over a 60% enrollment rate and 30% escrow balances to achieve 8 out of 10 points on this SEMAP indicator.

VASH

On July 2, 2009, HACoLA received notification of an allocation of 280 VASH vouchers. I am pleased to report that the request from your Board to obtain VASH vouchers is now completed and no further reports are required.

OIG Audit on Tenant Eligibility and Annual Reexaminations FY 2005 and 2006

On April 7, 2009, your Board approved the \$1 million three-year repayment agreement and an enabling resolution. Two quarterly payments have been made in the amount of \$166,666.66. On August 4, 2009, the Board of Commissioners approved a Board letter and revised resolution to pay the remaining balance of \$833,333.34. Payment will be made by August 31, 2009 to close out this OIG audit.

HUD OIG Financial Audit for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006

On June 16, 2009, your Board approved the resolution to transfer \$2,953,443 from the Community Development Commission General Fund to repay the Section 8 Administrative Reserve fund. This was completed on June 24, 2009.

HUD has closed this audit in a letter dated July 23, 2009 and no further action is needed.

Reexaminations

On July 7, 2009, HACoLA submitted to the Board recommendations on the annual reexamination process to ensure that future backlogs are not created. In September 2009, I will be requesting Board approval for a supplemental budget and to amend the Section 8 Program Administrative Plan to support these recommendations.

As of July 31, 2009, the HUD Public Information Center reflects 310 delinquent reexaminations out of 17,602 active contracts based on a 14-month cycle.

From 7/1/09 through 8/12/09, a total of 2,996 reexaminations were completed:

	Completed	In Progress
June	71	0
July	645	300
August	903	882
September	94	1,411
October	1,172	381
November	111	1,363

Section 8 Call Center

The call center received 9,349 total calls for July 13 through August 10, 2009.

Los Angeles Housing Resource Center

Between July 14 and August 11, 2009, (Socialserve.com) averaged 10,408 total listings; there were 6,240 landlords who provided property listings, and 135,537 housing searches were conducted.

National Repository of Debts Owed to PHAs and Terminations

This will enable PHAs to identify families who owe a PHA debt or have been terminated from public housing or the Section 8 program. The *Debts Owed to PHAs and Terminations* function will become available to PHAs with the release of HUD's updated PIH EIV System on September 14, 2009.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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